

New Record of *Notosacantha ihai* (Coleoptera, Chrysomelidae, Cassidinae) from Iriomotejima Island, the Ryukyus

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Three species of the cassidine genus *Notosacantha* CHEVROLAT have hitherto been recorded from the Ryukyus, Southwest Japan. One of them, *N. ihai* CHÛJÔ was described from Okinawa-Hontô Is. It was additionally recorded from Yakushima Is., Akusekijima Is., Amami-Ôshima Is., Tokunoshima Is. and Ishigakijima Is., the Ryukyus (CHÛJÔ, 1961; KIMOTO, 1972; KOMIYA & KUBOTA, 2006; HAYASHI & SUGIMOTO, 2008). Until now, only the tree, *Turpinia ternate* NAKAI (Staphyleaceae), has been reported as its host plant (KOMIYA & KUBOTA, 2006; HAYASHI & SUGIMOTO, 2008). Although the tree is distributed in southern Shikoku, Kyushu, the Ryukyus and Taiwan, this species has been found from only the above six islands of the Ryukyus. When I visited Iriomotejima Is., I was able to collect one individual of *N. ihai*.

In this short paper, I am going to record the chrysomelid species for the first time from this island.

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Notosacantha ihai CHÛJÔ, 1958

Specimen examined. 1 ex., Komi [古見], Iriomotejima Is., Okinawa Pref., 20-III-2008, S. YAMAMOTO leg. (deposited in my own collection).

Distribution. Japan: Yakushima Is., Akusekijima Is., Amami-Ôshima Is., Tokunoshima Is., Okinawa-Hontô Is., Ishigakijima Is., Iriomotejima Is. (new record).

Host plant. *Turpinia ternate* NAKAI (Staphyleaceae).

Remarks. It is obvious that *N. ihai* has a wide range in the Ryukyus. This suggests that this cassidine species may be found from other islands of the Ryukyus.

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